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**Summit County Prosecutor Announces Indictment Against Shawn Ford**  
*Ford accused of New Franklin double-homicide, assault of slain couple's daughter*

**AKRON, OHIO – April 19, 2013** – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced an indictment against Shawn E. Ford, Jr., 18, of E. South Street in Akron. Ford is accused of murdering Jeffrey and Margaret Schobert in their New Franklin home on April 2, 2013, as well as assaulting Chelsea Schobert on March 23, 2013.

The indictment includes:

- Five counts of Aggravated Murder
  - Each count carries three death specifications
- Two counts of Aggravated Robbery, a felony of the first degree
- Aggravated Burglary, a felony of the first degree
- Grand Theft, a felony of the fourth degree
- Petty Theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree
- Felonious Assault, a felony of the second degree

If convicted of Aggravated Murder with any of the death specifications, the prosecution will seek capital punishment.

“The murders of Jeffrey and Margaret Schobert were particularly brutal,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Shawn Ford is accused of killing two people, both of whom were, by all accounts, kind and generous people who treated him with the utmost respect. My office will see that justice is served for these horrific crimes.”

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*Note: The full indictment is attached.*

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO**

**INDICTMENT TYPE: DIRECT**

**CR. CASE NO. 2013-04-1008A,B,C**

**INDICTMENT FOR: A) AGGRAVATED MURDER (1) 2903.01(A) SF; SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(5); SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (2) 2929.04(A)(7); AGGRAVATED MURDER (1) 2903.01(B) SF; SPECIFICATION OF DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(5); SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (2) 2929.04(A)(7); AGGRAVATED MURDER (1) 2903.01(B) SF; SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(5); SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (2) 2929.04(A)(7); AGGRAVATED MURDER (1) 2903.01(A) SF; SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(5); SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (2) 2929.04(A)(7); AGGRAVATED MURDER (1) 2903.01(B) SF; SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (1) 2929.04(A)(5); SPECIFICATION FOR DEATH (2) 2929.04(A)(7); AGGRAVATED ROBBERY (2) 2911.01(A)(1)/(A)(3) F1; AGGRAVATED BURGLARY (1) 2911.11(A)(1)/(A)(2) F1; GRAND THEFT (1) 2913.02(A)(1) F4; PETTY THEFT (1) 2913.02(A)(1) M1; FELONIOUS ASSAULT (1) 2903.11(A)(1)/(A)(2) F2**

**B) OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE (1) 2921.32(A)(5) F3**

**C) OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE (1) 2921.32(A)(5) F3**

In the Common Pleas Court of Summit County, Ohio, of the term of MARCH, in the year of our Lord, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN.

The Jurors of the Grand Jury of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County aforesaid, being duly impaneled and sworn and charged to inquire of and present all offenses whatever committed within the limits of said County, on their oaths, IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF OHIO,

**COUNT ONE**

DO FIND AND PRESENT, That **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, aforesaid, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED MURDER**, in that he did purposely, and with prior calculation and design, cause the death of Jeffrey E. Schobert, in violation of Section 2903.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, A SPECIAL FELONY, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT ONE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(5)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing or attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender, in violation of 2929.04(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT ONE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION THREE TO COUNT ONE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Burglary, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT TWO**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED MURDER**, in that he did purposely cause the death of Jeffrey E. Schobert, while committing or attempting to commit, or while fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, in violation of Section 2903.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, A SPECIAL FELONY, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT TWO – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(5)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing or attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender, in violation of 2929.04(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT TWO – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION THREE TO COUNT TWO – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Burglary, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT THREE**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, **DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT** that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED MURDER**, in that he did purposely cause the death of Jeffrey E. Schobert and/or Margaret J. Schobert, while committing or attempting to commit, or while fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Burglary, in violation of Section 2903.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, A SPECIAL FELONY, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.



**SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT THREE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(5)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing or attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender, in violation of 2929.04(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT THREE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION THREE TO COUNT THREE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Burglary, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT FOUR**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, **DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT** that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED MURDER**, in that he did purposely, and with prior calculation and design, cause the death of Margaret J. Schobert, in violation of Section 2903.01(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, **A SPECIAL FELONY**, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT FOUR – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(5)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing or attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender, in violation of 2929.04(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT FOUR – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION THREE TO COUNT FOUR – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Burglary, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT FIVE**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED MURDER**, in that he did purposely cause the death of Margaret J. Schobert, while committing or attempting to commit, or while fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, in violation of Section 2903.01(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, A SPECIAL FELONY, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION ONE TO COUNT FIVE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(5)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was part of a course of conduct involving the purposeful killing or attempt to kill two or more persons by the offender, in violation of 2929.04(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION TWO TO COUNT FIVE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Robbery, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**SPECIFICATION THREE TO COUNT FIVE – O.R.C. 2929.04(A)(7)**  
**Criteria for Imposing Death or Imprisonment for a Capital Offense**

The Grand Jurors further find and specify that the Aggravated Murder was committed while **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** was committing, attempting to commit, or fleeing immediately after committing or attempting to commit Aggravated Burglary, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, was the principal offender in the commission of the Aggravated Murder or, if not the principal offender, committed the Aggravated Murder with prior calculation and design, in violation of Section 2929.04(A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### COUNT SIX

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY**, in that he did, in attempting or committing a theft offense, as defined in Section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, or in fleeing immediately after the attempt or offense, have a deadly weapon, on or about his person or under his control and either displayed the weapon, brandished it, indicated that he possessed it, or used it, and/or inflicted, or attempted to inflict, serious physical harm on another, to wit: Jeffrey E. Schobert, in violation of Section 2911.01(A)(1)/(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE FIRST DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### COUNT SEVEN

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED ROBBERY**, in that he did, in attempting or committing a theft offense, as defined in Section 2913.01 of the Revised Code, or in fleeing immediately after the attempt or offense, have a deadly weapon, on or about his person or under his control and either displayed the weapon, brandished it, indicated that he possessed it, or used it, and/or inflicted, or attempted to inflict, serious physical harm on another, to wit: Margaret J. Schobert, in violation of Section 2911.01(A)(1)/(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE FIRST DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

### COUNT EIGHT

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **AGGRAVATED BURGLARY**, in that he did, by force, stealth, or deception, trespass in an occupied structure, to wit: 4488 Rex Lake Dr., or in a separately secured or separately occupied portion thereof, when another person other than an accomplice of the offender was present, with purpose to commit in said structure or separately secured portion thereof, a criminal offense, and **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, recklessly inflicted, threatened, or attempted to inflict physical harm on Jeffrey E. Schobert and/or Margaret J. Schobert, and/or **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.**, recklessly had a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, on or about his person or under his control, in violation of Section 2911.11(A)(1)/(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE FIRST DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.



#### COUNT NINE

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **GRAND THEFT**, in that he did with purpose to deprive the owner, of property or services, knowingly obtained or exerted control over either the property or services, without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent, said property and/or services being a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 4501.01 of the Revised Code, in violation of Section 2913.02(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

#### COUNT TEN

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 2nd day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **PETTY THEFT**, in that he did with purpose to deprive the owner, of property or services, to wit: miscellaneous personal property and/or U.S. Currency, knowingly obtained or exerted control over either the property or services, without the consent of the owner or person authorized to give consent, said property and/or services being less than one thousand dollars in value, in violation of Section 2913.02(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, A MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

#### COUNT ELEVEN

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **A) SHAWN E. FORD, JR.** on or about the 23rd day of March, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **FELONIOUS ASSAULT**, in that he did knowingly cause serious physical harm to Chelsea Schobert, and/or did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Chelsea Schobert, by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, in violation of Section 2903.11(A)(1)/(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE SECOND DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT TWELVE**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **B) ZACHARY J. KEYS** from on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2013 through on or about the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE**, in that he did with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of another for a crime, or to assist another to benefit from the commission of a crime, communicate false information to any person, and the crime committed by the person aided is aggravated murder, murder, or a felony of the first or second degree, or an act committed by the child aided would be one of those offenses if committed by an adult and **B) ZACHARY J. KEYS** knows or has reason to believe that the crime committed by the person aided is one of those offenses or that the act committed by the child aided would be one of those offenses if committed by an adult, in violation of Section 2921.32(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

**COUNT THIRTEEN**

And the Grand Jurors of the State of Ohio, within and for the body of the County of Summit aforesaid, on their oaths in the name and by the authority of the State of Ohio, DO FURTHER FIND AND PRESENT that **C) JOSHUA E. GREATHOUSE** from on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2013 through on or about the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013, in the County of Summit and State of Ohio, did commit the crime of **OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE**, in that he did with purpose to hinder the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of another for a crime, or to assist another to benefit from the commission of a crime, communicate false information to any person, and the crime committed by the person aided is aggravated murder, murder, or a felony of the first or second degree, or an act committed by the child aided would be one of those offenses if committed by an adult and **C) JOSHUA E. GREATHOUSE** knows or has reason to believe that the crime committed by the person aided is one of those offenses or that the act committed by the child aided would be one of those offenses if committed by an adult, in violation of Section 2921.32(A)(5) of the Ohio Revised Code, A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

S/ Sherrri Bevan Walsh/BVL  
SHERRI BEVAN WALSH, Prosecutor BVL/s  
County of Summit, Ohio

Prosecutor, County of Summit, by

S/ [Signature] Date: 4/13/13  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

A TRUE BILL

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Grand Jury Foreperson/Deputy Foreperson